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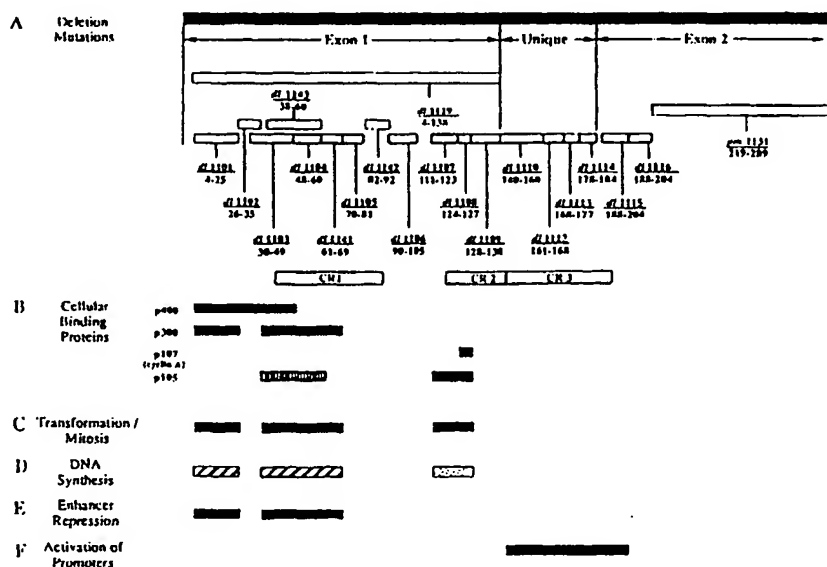
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(54) Title: RECOMBINANT E1A DELETED ADENOVIRAL VECTORS



(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to recombinant adenoviral vectors capable of replication under particular host cell conditions. In particular, the present invention provides adenoviruses containing modifications to the E1a region which have therapeutic and diagnostic applications. The vectors of the present invention are capable of replication and lysis of neoplastic cells. The vectors may optionally include modifications to the genome so as to impart specific replicative or targeting functions. The present invention also provides pharmaceutical formulations of such vectors. The present invention further provides methods of use of such vectors. The present invention further provides methods of preparing the vectors

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Although claims 1-11 (as far as they concern or are related to in vivo methods) are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. Claims: 1,8-12,17 (all partially); 2,4,5,13, 14 (all completely)

A method of ablating neoplastic cells in a population of normal cells contaminated by neoplastic cells, by the administration to said population of cells a selectively replicating recombinant adenovirus which contains modifications to the Ela coding sequence so as to produce Ela gene products which are deficient in binding to one or more p300 protein family members and to one or more retinoblastoma (pRb) protein family members, but expresses a modified 289R protein retaining the transactivating function of the Ela CR3 domain, said adenoviral vector containing a deletion corresponding to the amino acids 4-25 of the Ela 243R and 289R proteins, preferably comprising a further deletion corresponding to amino acids 111-123 or to amino acids 124-127 of said proteins. Also claimed are further administration methods, and pharmaceutical formulations comprising said adenoviral vectors.

2. Claims: 1,8-12,17 (all partially); 3,6,7,15, 16 (all completely)

A method of ablating neoplastic cells in a population of normal cells contaminated by neoplastic cells, by the administration to said population of cells a selectively replicating recombinant adenovirus which contains modifications to the Ela coding sequence so as to produce Ela gene products which are deficient in binding to one or more p300 protein family members and to one or more retinoblastoma (pRb) protein family members, but expresses a modified 289R protein retaining the transactivating function of the Ela CR3 domain, said adenoviral vector containing a deletion corresponding to the amino acids 38-60 of the Ela 243R and 289R proteins, preferably comprising a further deletion corresponding to amino acids 111-123 or to amino acids 124-127 of said proteins. Also claimed are further administration methods, and pharmaceutical formulations comprising said adenoviral vectors.

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